



LEAGUE OF CONSERVATION VOTERS

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United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Re: Oppose Extreme Attack on Clean Water, S.J. Res. 22.

Dear Representative,

The League of Conservation Voters (LCV) works to turn environmental values into national priorities. Each year, LCV publishes the *National Environmental Scorecard*, which details the voting records of members of Congress on environmental legislation. The *Scorecard* is distributed to LCV members, concerned voters nationwide, and the media.

LCV urges you to vote NO on S.J. Res. 22, the Congressional Review Act “Resolution of Disapproval” of the Clean Water Rule. This radical legislative measure would threaten critical clean water safeguards for the waterways that millions of Americans depend on for drinking water by permanently blocking the Environmental Protection Agency’s and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers’ final Clean Water Rule.

Since two confusing Supreme Court decisions over a decade ago, millions of acres of wetlands and thousands of miles of streams that contribute to the drinking water of one in three Americans have been left vulnerable to toxic dumping and destruction. After an extensive and thorough process, the final Clean Water Rule provides clarity and certainty on the waters covered under the Clean Water Act. These waterways serve as habitat for wildlife, guard against flooding, filter pollution, and help provide the clean water that our families, communities, and economy depend on. The Clean Water Rule enjoys wide support from businesses, conservationists, sportsmen, farmers, state and local leaders, and the public, including the over 800,000 people who weighed in during the comment period and 80% of voters from all sides of the political aisle.

S.J. Res. 22 is an extreme dirty water resolution that would not only stop the Clean Water Rule, but would prohibit the agencies from developing any “substantially similar” measure in the future. This vague and harmful language could prevent the agencies from ever issuing rules that establish protections for the waters covered by the Clean Water Rule, leaving our streams, wetlands, lakes, and rivers vulnerable to pollution for generations to come.

We urge you to REJECT S.J. Res 22, a dangerous bill that would block the Clean Water Rule and jeopardize the waterways our children and grandchildren drink, swim, and play in. We will strongly consider including votes on this bill in the 2016 *Scorecard*. If you need more information, please call my office at (202) 785-8683 and ask to speak with a member of our government relations team.

Sincerely,

Gene Karpinski
President